

The Chairman, Leonard Bertin, called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm
Wednesday,
December 4, 2002.

Present:	L. Bertin, member	C. Buchanan, member
	A. Done, member	K. Gauri, member
	D. House, member	N. Johnson, member
	P. Manetta, alternate	N. Raheb, student representative

Also

Present:	M. Grusnick, staff
	M. McGinnis, staff

Absent:	S. Burt, alternate	D. Kuschinsky, member
	D. Pietron, member	J. Rodgers, member
	J. Shah, alternate	

The absent members were excused.

ITEM B - APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF NOVEMBER 6, 2002

Bertin noted a correction in the November 6, 2002 Minutes. The name of the article that Bertin wrote located on page 5 of the minutes was not "What Family Caregivers Think" but "Self-Conscious?". With this correction Bertin made a motion to accept the November 6, 2002 meeting minutes. Done seconded the motion.

ITEM C - VISITORS, DELEGATIONS AND GENERAL PUBLIC

ITEM D - NEW BUSINESS

Bertin presented a list of interested providers for the Referral and Information Fair that will be part of Troy Daze in September 2003. Members of the Committee were asked to consider other organizations that they would like to see added to the list. Bertin stated that the Troy Daze Committee are excited about the R & I Fair, and believes it will add substance to the Thursday activities of the Fair.

Bertin will meet with two representatives (Jen Tabor and Adam Frost) of the Troy Jay Cee's on December 5th, 2002, to discuss plans for a wheel chair and or hand cycle race to be held at Troy Daze in September 2003. Bertin feels this will be a good media draw for persons with disabilities. Johnson will look into getting publicity for this event from reporters of local papers.

ITEM E - REGULAR BUSINESS

The Committee for Persons with Disabilities will not meet in January 2003, since this meeting date falls on New Years Day. Bertin has not heard from City Council about a requested joint meeting with the Committee for Senior Citizens and the Disability Committee about issues at the Troy Committee Center.

On Monday 2, 2002, The City of Troy and The Troy City Council passed a proclamation stating an "International Day of Persons with Disabilities" on December 3, 2002. The members of the Committee applaud City Council and hope this annual event will promote public awareness for people with disabilities.

ITEM F - OLD BUSINESS

Members volunteering to attend City Council meetings as follows:

December 16, 2002	Cynthia Burt
January 6, 2003	Pauline Manetta
January 20, 2003	Dorrie House

ITEM G - INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

The Committee discussed goals for the upcoming year.

- 1) Nancy Johnson would like to be able to nominate and send some young people to the Youth Leadership Forum sponsored by the State of Michigan. It is a three-day leadership forum on disabilities for high school students. Bertin will ask Janet Jopke, Superintendent of Troy Schools, to a meeting and discuss how many disabled students are in Troy High Schools and how the Committee could pick a representative from this group.
- 2) The Committee would like to see someone from "Paws with a Cause" or "Rochester Leader Dogs for the Blind" speak at a meeting. Done will look into having a representative speak at a future meeting.

ITEM H - ADJOURN

Moved by Burt, seconded by House, to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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